

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 6 and 9-40 are pending in this application with claims 9-30 withdrawn from consideration. Claim 3 is amended herein.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

**Election of Species**

The Examiner required election of:

(1) a single allergen species as recited in claims 3 and 32 (Cryj-1, Cryj-2 or dust mite extract-Df allergens); and;

(2) a single enzyme species as recited in claims 31, 34 and 37-40 (papain or Pfu protease S).

Applicants hereby elect without traverse:

(1) dust mite extract-Df allergens (claims 32-37, 39 and 40); and

(2) Pfu protease S (Claims 3, 6, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 38-40).

Applicants submit that claims 3, 6 and 32-40 read on the elected species.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 3, 6 and 32-40 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge  
our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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